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NEW MEXICO AND SHEEP.

Ira M. Bond, an old Albuquerquean but now of Washington, D. C., calls the attention of The Citizen to the fact that the Orange Judd Farmer, published at Chicago, and having a circulation of 210,000 in its three editions, in one of its February issues, published several tables purporting to give the number of sheep and amount of wool, etc., in all the states and territories; and though it named some states with less than 50,000 sheep, it did not mention New Mexico. In answer to Mr. Bond's protest, the editor of the Orange Judd Farmer replied that he had included New Mexico under the miscellaneous head of "Others," but in the next report they would take up the matter of specifying New Mexico.

The Citizen has seen the statement made many times, and apparently on good authority, that New Mexico has more sheep than any other political division of the United States. However, there can be no doubt that New Mexico is among the first if not the first. It is therefore different to imagine why so ably conducted a paper as the Orange Judd Farmer should throw New Mexico among the odds and ends, known as others.

The Citizen would suggest that the secretaries of the sheep and cattle sanitary boards once or twice a year, furnish information of these industries to the leading stock papers of Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago and St. Louis; for no saying is more truthful than that which asserts, "Whoever tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted."

WOOL NEXT YEAR.

Justice, Bateman & Co., the great wool authorities of Philadelphia, in their recent circular say:

A higher average price of quotations for raw wool seems inevitable the world over, and for some time to come; and buyers for woolen goods will be wise to note this as a fact, and to promptly adjust themselves to the new situation.

Assuming that there will be during the remaining months of this year an increase of only 14 per cent in the wool imports, the total importations in 1905 would be 250,000,000 pounds, or the largest for any year with the single exception of 1897, when wool imports were being rushed in to anticipate the Dingley Tariff Act. Assuming also that consumption reaches that of the boom year of 1889, of which there now appears every indication, there will be used up by manufacturers 550,000,000 pounds. This will leave less unsold wool on hand on January 1, 1906, than on January 1, 1905, even if we allow for the liberal increase of imports outlined above.

All this wool price disturbance, reaching throughout the world, was mainly caused by the reduction to only 283,000,000 pounds on January first of the total unconsumed United States supply, which was almost exclusively owned by the mills. This reduction of the supply to such a small compass so embarrassed manufacturers in the face of the 1905 clip that many of them could not successfully conduct their business. The dealers had not any stock, and some manufacturers who had wool to spare resold it to others; hence the rush to the country to buy wool on the sheep's back.

In 1750 diamonds were sold in Europe at \$40 a karat. In 1770, when Brazilian stones were poured on the market, first quality diamonds sold as low as \$5 a karat, and in 1890 they had increased to \$30 and remained about this figure until 1848, when from \$15 to \$20 a karat was asked. From 1860 on the price of diamonds advanced, and with the world's diamond mines practically in the control of one company during the last ten years, the price steadily increased until the present time, when first water diamonds are quoted at \$140 or more a karat.

The United States owns about 550,000,000 acres of arid land. Only 6,500,000 acres are under irrigation and only 250,000 acres of this are situated in New Mexico and less than that in Arizona, although 100,000,000 acres of public land are in these two territories alone. It is estimated that if \$300,000,000 would be expended during the next forty years in a large and consistent scheme of irrigation, the lands improved would be worth not less than \$2,000,000,000. This estimate is by the United States Geological Survey.

Ex-Delegate Rodey says that he has travelled a little in the territory during the last two weeks, and that it is his opinion that everywhere the desire for joint statehood with Arizona is growing. He states that he is surprised to find that quite a per cent of the office holders even, are for it. He states that he would not be surprised if joint statehood should carry in both territories so overwhelmingly as not to have even as much as a thousand votes against it, in either territory.

Colorado Springs is to hold a special election for the purpose of securing the ratification of the taxpayers of the proposal to refund water and sewer bonds to the total amount of \$340,000. Two years ago a water bond issue of Colorado Springs sold at a discount, but one year ago water refunding bonds sold at a premium. This improvement in financial condition was due to the fact that Colorado Springs owns its own water works, and manages the business wisely and well.

It is now conceded that since the anti-joint statehood convention in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 27, last, the cause of joint statehood has gained immensely in that territory. The more it is discussed the more its adherents increase. Thousands of people in Arizona who never heretofore expressed themselves at all upon the subject, now turn out to have been joint statehood all along, although they did not say much about it.

The gentlemen of the city council will please bear in mind, when they meet tonight, that the present franchise is very burdensome, and for years has retarded the development of Albuquerque; that the people are opposed to the extension of the present franchise for a single day; that Albuquerque is ripe for municipal ownership; that they oppose buying an antiquated outfit for as much as a new and up to date plant would cost.

The utterances of the Albuquerque Journal* in the question of the impudent and impertinent application of the Albuquerque Water Supply company for a long extension of the present valuable water franchise reminds one of the boy who whistled on passing a cemetery at night. The paper knows that the scheme is beaten.—New Mexican.

A sun reflector, manufactured in Boston, and erected near Phoenix, Arizona, yields sufficient power to pump enough water to irrigate ten acres of land. Such a reflector, like a windmill, when once installed, costs nothing for fuel. Sunshine is abundant in the arid region and so is wind.

In Trinidad, which the Morning Journal claimed to have drier water than Albuquerque, the cost for irrigation of lawns, including trees and sidewalks, is 10 cents per front foot for the entire season. Furthermore, water for shade trees which are in the street is free.

Five newspapers in Arizona are now advocating joint statehood in every issue. Ninety days ago there wasn't a paper in that territory for the proposition.

The most potent argument yet made for joint statehood is that the new state can limit taxes for all purposes to a half of one per cent.

SOME STORIES WISE AND SOME OTHERWISE

Teaching Children to be Familiar.

Prof. John Dewey, head of the department of psychology at Columbia university, believes children should be taught to call their parents by their Christian names. Prof. Dewey was formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, where they tell this story:

The professor was working in his study one day when water began to trickle through the ceiling. He ran upstairs to see what was the matter and found his young hopeful in the bath room with the floor flooded. Prof. Dewey was about to express his feelings, when the youngster piped out:

"Don't say a word, John, but got a mop."—New York Sun.

The General Opinion.

The English papers tell a quaint story of Lord Leighton, the painter. Two women were looking at his picture of "Helen of Troy."

"It is a horrid picture," one remarked to the painter. "I'm sorry, but it's mine," said Sir Frederick, as he then was.

"Oh!" said the woman, "you don't mean to say you've bought it?"

"No; I painted it," was the reply.

"Oh!" declared the woman, "you must not mind what we say. We are only saying what everybody else says."—New York Tribune.

First Prize for Absent-Mindedness.

Francis Wilson, the comedian, believes the most absent-minded man lives in New Rochelle. Last summer Mr. Wilson's front door bell got out of order and refused to ring, and meeting a friend, an electrician, he asked him to call and make the necessary repairs. Meeting the man several days afterwards, he reminded him that the matter had not been attended to and inquired when he could find it convenient to look after it. The electrician indignantly replied:

"Why, I called at your house the very day you asked me. I rang your front door bell, time and time again, and no one paid the slightest attention to me."—Success Magazine.

Standing Room Only.

Mark Twain in his lecturing days reached a small eastern town one afternoon and went, before dinner, to a barber's to be shaved.

"You are a stranger in the town, sir?" the barber asked.

"Yes, I'm a stranger here," was the reply.

"We're having a good lecture here tonight, sir," said the barber. "A Mark Twain lecture. Are you going to it?"

"Yes, I think I will," said Mr. Clemens.

"Have you got your ticket yet?" the barber asked.

"No, not yet," said the other.

"Then, sir, you'll have to stand."

"Dear me!" Mr. Clemens exclaimed. "It seems as if I always do have to stand when I hear that man Twain lecture."—New York Tribune.

The Ruling Passion.

The ruling passion is often very strong in death. A senator from Tennessee discovered this some years ago. Among his constituents was a certain man who came to him regularly twice a year for the purpose of obtaining a pass to Baltimore. The man and his family had served the senator when he was first making his way up the ladder of politics, and as a result of this he always obliged him, and had, moreover, a soft place in his heart for the man. He obtained for him a position in one of the departments at Washington; but this did not seem to be enough, for regularly at the end of each six months he applied for his ticket to Baltimore. One day he sickened and was reported to be dying. The senator, very much grieved, immediately called upon him.

"Joe," he said, leaning over and speaking very softly, "is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes, senator; please get me a pass to Baltimore,"—Harper's Weekly.

Ezra Kendall's Face Slipped.

I want to tell you about something that happened to me while we were going from New York to San Francisco. One morning I squeezed into the little room at the end of the car that they use for washing, and I found it full. I started in to wash my face, and I had it all soaped up nice, when the train struck a curve and shot into a tunnel—and my face slipped into the hands of the man next to me.

And he must have lost his face at the same time, because he kept right on washing mine as though it was his own.

I said to him: "Excuse me, please; but this is my face you are washing."

He says: "Then some one must have mine."

The man standing next to him says: "I've haven't said a word yet, and the face I am washing is talking all the time."

And when I got my right face back, someone had stuck his finger in my eye.

The man next to me says: "Don't say a word," he says, "the face I washed bit me."—General Magazine.

A MOST WISE JUDGE PRESIDES IN BROOKLYN

"I sentence you to kiss your wife at least once each day, to pay her six dollars a week and to spend one day each week with her and the baby either in Prospect park or at Coney Island. You don't need to speak to each other unless you want to. All you have to do is watch the baby play. I suggest that you take your wife a bunch of flowers once in a while, if you do not obey the sentence, you will be in contempt of court and I will punish you."

Thus Magistrate Higginbotham of Brooklyn, laid down the law to a recalcitrant husband.

Courage and common sense mark the sentence.

The man who kisses his wife every day, even under compulsion of court, and sits with her in the park to watch their baby play, is proof against abandonment and against the thousand and one little misunderstandings that may make the marriage bond a galling yoke instead of a tender tie.

No man, however base, can watch his baby play one day in every week without finding little tendrils of love stealing about his heart.

The babble of the baby at play may be meaningless to most, but to the parent who hovers over it that babble becomes the sweetest and most eloquent love poetry in the world.

The baby's little hands may be weak and all unskilful, but in their fondlings and caressings they weave a web about a man and wife that all the basest passions in the hardest hearts cannot resist or break asunder.

A kiss is love food. Not all the sustenance of life goes through the stomach. There must be some for the soul.

The man and wife who have ceased to kiss have ceased to be lovers. Contract, convention and self-interest may hold them together, but their marital life is like that of a tottering tree dead at its heart.

The wife who willingly permits her husband to cease kissing her sacrifices her most precious possession.

Magistrate Higginbotham is wise in prescribing kissing and watching the children play as a cure for abandonment. No better cure has ever been discovered.

Abilene, Kansas, is preparing to take possession of its water works. Municipal ownership is sweeping the world.

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J. W. Orchard, of the engineering corps of the Albuquerque Eastern, is at Santa Fe on business, and will remain there several days.

There is no pepper in Schilling's Best ginger; there's nothing wrong in Schilling's Best anything.
Money back.

The triangular tract of land between Eleventh and Twelfth streets on Railroad avenue, is to be turned into a private park by the property owners in Honeybrook row. Attorney Felix H. Lester is now circulating a subscription paper for the purpose of raising funds for this purpose, and states that he has secured almost enough to put the project through.

Summer in the East.
It is estimated that there will be a larger travel to the eastern resorts this year than for several years.
The New York Central lines will offer marvelous train service, and anticipate that their facilities will be taxed to their utmost.

The Las Cruces Republican says: The Southern Pacific lion cases have been set for hearing before Flint at Las Cruces on the 7th prox. These cases are suits brought by contractors, sub-contractors and laborers to foreclose liens filed for work done and materials furnished upon the cut-off constructed by the Southern Pacific Railway company in the southern part of Dona Ana county about three years ago.

The Gallup Republican says: Ed. Bowls, who has been with the Rio Grande & Sierra Madre railroad surveyors in Old Mexico, writes home that all of the surveyors have been called in. This is the road which Colonel Green is building from El Paso to Chihuahua. Ed. has not returned home, but will remain in Old Mexico for a time.

T. A. Tobin, the veteran foreman of the section gang at Cerrillos, is in the city today on business and pleasure.

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